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statement issued from Vijayavada said that the Government of Madras did not seem to understand the amount of damage that has been done by the cyclone. Immediately after that, the Hon. the Premier said that there was exaggeration. I am glad that now at least the Government have come to understand the terrible havoc done by the cyclone, although the actual damage is much more than what they have estimated. After a careful scrutiny, the Government will find that the loss inflicted is much more than what is given in the statement. The Government have not estimated the damage in rupees, annas and pies. If it is estimated in rupees, annas and pies, it will be found that every district has suffered a loss of Rs. 8 or 10 crores. The West Godavari district would have suffered a damage of 8 crores of rupees. Though it is not possible for the Government to give adequate relief, the Government can go a long way in giving relief to the people affected.

" Sir, the Hon. the Revenue Minister said that all steps had been taken to control the food prices from going up. It is not a fact, Sir. Even after 15 days have elapsed, i.e., even on the 12th of this month when I left the place, people had to go about begging for food. They have no rice and no supplies have been made to them till the 12th. People have had to stand in long queues and with the help of the police, one or two seers per family per day are being distributed. I put a question to the District Collector and asked him whether the Government will be able to feed all the people in the district till the next harvest. He said that he had 6,000 tons of paddy and that he would not only be able to feed them, but feed them sumptuously. But I am surprised that even after 15 days they are not able to supply rice. We have no food and it is because the Government machinery does not move quickly either due to the indifference or the callousness of the Government officials, or whatever it may be. It is a fact that we have plenty of materials. Even now in the black-market, rice is sold at 12 annas or a rupee a seer very secretly. For people of responsible status, it is difficult to get rice in the blackmarket."

MR. PRESIDENT:—" How long will the hon. Member take to finish his speech? "

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO:—" I should like to have ten minutes more, Sir."

MR. PRESIDENT:—" The hon. Member may continue his speech to-morrow. The House will now adjourn and meet again at 2-30 p.m. to-morrow."

VI.—PAPERS PLACED ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

1. *Proposals for the Economic Development of Rayalaseema—Report by Sri P. V. Subba Rao, Development Commissioner.*

2. *Notification appended to G.O. No.* 1698, *L.A., dated* 12*th August* 1949, *regarding the constitution of Gobichettipalayam (Coimbatore) Municipality.*

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3. *The Madras Maintenance of Public Order (Removal of Doubts and Amendment) Ordinance,* 1949 *(Madras Ordinance No. I of* 1949).

4. *The Madras Acts (Removal of Doubts) Ordinance,* 1949 *(Madras Ordinance No. II of* 1949).

5. *The Madras Drugs (Control) Ordinance,* 1949 *(Madras Ordinance No. III of* 1949).

6. *The Madras Maintenance of Public Order Ordinance,* 1949 *(Madras Ordinance No. IV of* 1949).

7. *The Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Ordinance,* 1949 *(Madras Ordinance No. V of* 1949).

8. *The Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers) Ordinance,* 1949 *(Madras Ordinance No. VI of* 1949).

9. *The Madras Tenants and Ryots Protection Ordinance,* 1949 *(Madras Ordinance No. VII of* 1949).

10. *The Madras Preservation of Private Forests Ordinance,* 1949 *(Madras Ordinance No. VIII of* 1949).

11. *The Madras Prohibition (Amendment) Ordinance,* 1949 *(Madras Ordinance No. IX of* 1949).

12. *The Madras Jute Goods Control Ordinance,* 1949 *(Madras Ordinance No. X of* 1949).

13. *Statement showing the Resolutions passed by the House Committee during the ninth session of the Council and the action taken thereon.*

14. *G.O. No.* 2031, *L.A., dated 4th October* 1949, *regarding fresh polls to be held at the Eddanapudi Polling Station—Circle XX, Guntur District Board.*

15. *G.O. No.* 2096, *L.A., dated 11th October* 1949, *regarding the inclusion of Sri K. Kotilingappa Chetty in the list of valid nominations for Palmaner Panchayat Board (Chittoor) Elections.*

16. *The Madras Maintenance of Public Order Bill,* 1949 *(L.A. Bill No.* 24 *of* 1949) *as passed by the Assembly and received therefrom in the Council.*